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**Subject:** HB 4795

Dear Local Government Committee Members,

I watched with interest your most recent committee meeting today regarding HB 4795. I am writing to express **my opposition to HB 4795**, also referred to as a super preemption law, which was drafted to "clarify prohibition of local ordinances dealing with pistols and other firearms and provides penalties."

I am also writing **to ask that this committee instead look at repealing PA 319** (enacted in 1990) to give local governments the ability to draft sensible pistol and other firearm ordinances tailored to their specific communities.

Local law enforcement and government officials know best how to keep their communities safe. **They are the ones who should determine local public safety policies, not state legislators who do the bidding of the gun lobby.** I find it interesting and no coincidence that the first and longest testimony time on HB 4795 in the committee meeting today was given to and by an out-of-state gun lobbyist.

Michigan should repeal laws that prevent local leaders from passing reasonable gun laws. If Michigan does not repeal PA 319, the firearm preemption law entirely, they should adopt reasonable exceptions, such as:

- Allowing local communities to require background checks on gun sales, ban the firing of weapons in densely populated areas, and prohibit guns in government buildings and other sensitive places like schools, stadiums and bars; and
- Allowing larger cities above a given population to adopt gun laws to protect public safety.

PA 319 no longer reflects the will of the people of MI, or current science around violence prevention. Shouldn't you look at this before strengthen a bad, outdated law with a house bill that essentially prevents local governments from protecting it's citizens?

Sincerely,  
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